

TIMELINE HISTORY OF THE CENTRAL INDIANA DIVISION

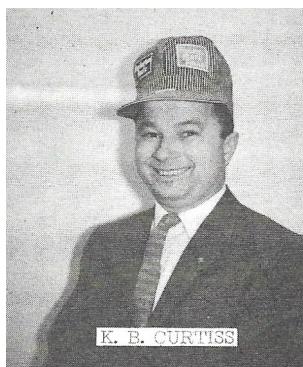
1960 June (Waybill)

Mention of the Midwest Region's intent to add Divisions; in an effort to bring NMRA Members closer together.

1961 January – February (Waybill)

“Those MWR members in the Indianapolis area who are interested informing a new division please contact Ken Curtiss, Indianapolis, Indiana.”

1961 February – March (Waybill)



Kenneth B. Curtiss running for the MWR Board has four children in his family and is an architect. His education includes work at the University of Cincinnati. While his home layout is in the “near future,” he is affiliated with the “Hobos” of Indianapolis. His rolling stock, HO, includes 9 steam locomotives, 4 diesels, and 130 cars. He has been in model railroading for 21 years and in the MWR 4.5 years, but has not been able to attend a MWR Meet.

Ken is currently working hard towards the formation of the new Central Indiana Division of the MWR.

1963 December (Waybill)

On Sunday, July 14, 1963 members of the NMRA throughout central Indiana met at the Severin Hotel to consider a formation of a division of the Midwest Region in the central Indiana area.

There had been for a long-time the need for a closer tie with the national and regional organization of the NMRA among the model rail fans in this area. This area had a potential membership of over 500. Among the most active were Ken Curtiss, Bill Busard, Harold Stadnik and Don Batey.

One of the very first things these men did was make a successful bid for the 1963 National Convention, but this was only a first step in a long range plan. This group then moved out into the entire area to seek support and help for the forthcoming National Convention even to the extent of assisting other communities to form model railroad clubs.

The next step was to consider forming some kind of a working unit that could tie this group together long after the convention was over. Ken Curtiss contacted Bill Angus of the MWR and presented the basic idea for forming a Division. Bill pitched in with both hands and helped draw up a formal petition for a Charter from the Region.

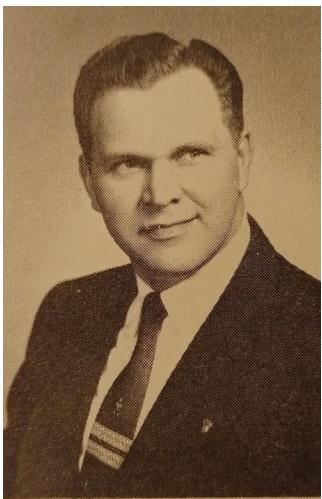
On Sunday, Jul 14, 1963, both Bill and Ken realized the end to a job that had taken over two years in the doing, when Bill handed the new Charter for the Central Indiana Division to the newly elected President (title changed to Superintendent in 1964) Ken Curtiss.

Ken was elected by an overwhelming voice vote from the delegates assembled without opposition and promised to carry out the basic theme of the division: "To provide a little more model railroading fun for those in our area", and also "to establish a close relationship between the Central Indiana Division and the Midwest Region."

Other Officers elected to a year term were: Vice-President – Al Lawrence; Secretary – Bill Herbig; Treasurer – Bob Wilson. The newly formed Division dedicated as its first task the making of the 1963 Convention at Indianapolis the best yet.

1964 Feb / March

Please read this incredible bio from Bill Herbig.



WILLIAM R. HERBIG. Bill should be a welcome addition to the Region Directors - representing our fellow model railroaders from Central Indiana - he is 38 years old, married and has three future model railroaders (boys, natch!). He attended Anderson (Indiana) High School until joining the US Navy after the outbreak of WWII. He served as an aviation machinists mate and a combat aircrewman. Bill later accepted a chance to go into flight training and became a pilot of a TBM torpedo bomber. Upon returning to civilian life in 1946 he accepted his first job as a fireman on the Michigan Division of the New York Central. He was assigned to a H-10 and thought the best day in the world was when he got his first H-10B with a Hanna Stoker.

Bill left the "B" Line to go to college and attended Purdue and Anderson College and his major was business administration and public relations. After graduation Bill accepted a job with Delco-Remy Div. of GMC as a foreman on a production line, where he is still employed.

Bill is top hat on the Slushpump & Slackhammer RR - a HO pike still in the unfinished state with about 500' of track.

Bill has and is quite active in civic affairs. He has been the Commander of his American Legion and President of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce - not to mention serving as Madison Cty. Chairman for the March of Dimes and raising over \$60,000 for them. He has been active in PTA, BSA, his Little League and 40/8; and in his spare time he also served on the National Board of Directors for the JAYCEES, and was a top contender for the State President's job in that organization. Bill is Chief Clerk for the Central Indiana Division, MWR, and is also Vice-President of the Madison County Model RR Club. (No wonder his pike is still in the unifinished state!)

Those of you who attended the NMRA Convention should remember Bill Herbig as the fellow with so many hats. He was Chairman of the Model Contest Comm. (some say the best in our history), Chairman (and originator) of the Photo Contest, as well as developer and auctioneer of the first national rolling stock auction.

Bill is a new member to NMRA having served only two years, but he brings with him a lot of administrative experience and a strong enthusiasm to get the job done. It was typical of Bill that his first act after joining NMRA was to write to past-President Brad and offer his service!

1964 Feb / March 1st ever CID Meet announced

CENTRAL INDIANA DIVISION

The Central Indiana Division will have a Model Railroad Meet, Saturday, April 18, 1964, in Indianapolis, Indiana from 10 AM to 10 PM. Featured will be tours (home layouts and prototype facilities); clinics; prizes (door drawing, new NMRA members, and furthest distance traveled, and best model); an auction (model supplies and prototype); displays (both manufacturers and individual); contests (motive power, rolling stock), structures, amateur and experience classes); swap session and a good old bull session. Oh, yes, a pass exchange will be going on too. This Meet is sponsored by Central Indiana Division, MWR, NMRA, but all activity, except the official model contest, will be open to any rail fan in the area. Registration will be under \$2.00. Plan to attend this day of fellowship and fun. More details in the next issue of the Waybill, or write to: William Herbig

721 Lonsvale Dr.
Anderson, Indiana.

1964 Oct / Nov

The CID will hold its election of officers at the Fall meet in Anderson, Indiana. The Madison County Model Railroad Club has offered to host this meeting. There will be two contests held and Anderson has promised some prototype visititations as well as tinplate collections. Three fine clinics have been arranged.

1964 December

CID Secretary William Herbig becomes Vice-President of MWR. In 1964, Board Members were elected and then the Board Members themselves choose their own President and Vice President.

1965 March

CENTRAL INDIANA DIVISION (1st Section)

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Our Division's Next Meet is November 7th - 12-7, Clinics (all new and different), contests, first time entry contest, kit contest, pull and creep contests, awards, dinning car, movies, slides, pass exchange, "bull" sessions, etc., for more information contact John Hagan, 361 N. 9th St., Middletown, Ind. 47356.

The Board of Directors are working hard on this Meet along with the Spring Meet and also the Regional Spring Meet. All of the men who would like to give a clinic at the Regional Meet should practice at this Division Meet or in their own Division. This will give you an opportunity to polish up your demonstration and give a first class clinic next Spring here in Indianapolis.

This Division is setting some kind of record. It has hosted a National Convention (1963), it will be hosting a Regional Convention (1966), and has doubled its attendance at each of the Divisional Meets. The BOD sent a questionnaire to all its members and more than 70% volunteered for some kind of committee work. Not content with the success the Division has enjoyed thus far, the BOD requests advice, suggestions and criticism. There is usually not too much criticism because those who criticise are made a committee chairman in charge of correcting that which is not right. These type of things are what make this Division and all of the others a bigger and better part of this hobby.

The members of the Division wish to congratulate Ken Curtiss on his election to the Midwest Region Executive Council and Bill Herbig on his re-election to the office of Midwest Region Vice-President.

...Second Section... The Central Indiana's Spring Meet was held in Indianapolis last April; members from as far away as Glasgow, Ky., were in attendance. There were a lot of members from the far reaches of the Division here in Indiana that drove over 100 miles in the rain to get to the Meet. They were not disappointed in what they saw, either.

The model contests were really tough. Each Meet brings more and better models. Ed Black, John Oliver and Vane Jones were the judges. Their decisions were, as always, "cheerfully" accepted by the contestants.

Clinics were the best that anyone had ever seen, or so was the comment made by everyone. Frank Hughes headed up the clinics and did a tremendous job. Bill Herbig gave a demonstration with oil and water colors; he showed how each can be used to the best advantage in different situations with scenery. Bill Williams showed us how to "make" water; he also painted a backdrop. Glen Hall showed shy railroads are built where they are and showed a lot of tricks in track design. Bob Elliott, owner of the Occasional Press, demonstrated how to make realistic trees. Right before us he turned weeds into shade trees and shingles into pine trees. Bob is a real pro and learned to do this a few days before the Meet. Bill Neale demonstrated how screen wire and texture paint will make realistic scenery. Mel Turner showed how to use paper strips, paste and plaster to make scenery. I showed how messy plaster and paper towels are. These demonstrations prompted a lot of questions from the members (this is what all of us were hoping for). Throughout the clinics we pointed out that we were not presenting the final answers to everybody's problems, but trying to get everyone to experiment and go ahead and put on that scenery, paint that background, go ahead and try those things that modelers are reluctant to do because they don't know how. Home layout tours completed a full day of ringing.

1965 April / May

Indianapolis Allisonville School 79th St., the site of the CID's Spring Convention announced. Model contests, movies, swap sessions, scenery clinics, pass exchanges and a lot more is on the agenda.

1965 September

The next meet is November 7th, 1965. It will run from noon until 7 p.m. No location given. Clinics, contests, etc.

CENTRAL INDIANA

Central Indian Division, as co-sponsor with the Railroad Community Service Committee, announces a Model Railroad Show and Contest to be held at the Union Station in Indianapolis on December 17, 18, and 19. Prizes will be awarded for the best entry in the categories of rolling stock, locomotives, structures, displays, and portable layouts. There will also be a Best of Show award. Winners will be given shares of actual railroad stock, along with beautiful plaques. Each participant will receive a certificate stating that he has taken part in the show.

Indianapolis witnesses this event for the third year in a row. Along with a lot of fun the show has a very worthwhile purpose - to collect "Toys for Tots". This program is headed by the U. S. Marine Corps, and has given many Chil-



Displaying the glittering array of awards to be presented at the Show are (left to right) Don Lively of the New York Central, show chairman; Ken Curtiss, Central Indiana superintendent, and Staff Sergeant Patrick Lawley, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve.

dren a happy Christmas when they would not otherwise have had one. The Railroad Community Service Committee and the Central Indiana Division have given tremendous help to the project by presenting the Model Railroad Show. Admission to the show is a toy, new or repairable. Everyone is urged to come and double their fun by enjoying the show and by knowing they helped some child have a happy Christmas.

1965 December (Waybill)

1966 January (Waybill) Members of Madison County (Anderson)



Members of the Madison County Model Railroad Club, Madison, Indiana, are shown preparing member Bill Neal's layout for National Model Railroad Week last year.

Madison County (Anderson) Model Railroad Club

1966 March (Waybill)

The Spring Meet on April 24, 1966 shall include a vote for the new Constitution and election of officers. The election will now be held in Spring to coincide with the MWR & National elections.

1966 March (Waybill)

Late word from the CID that the Midwest Region "Indiana Sesquicentennial" Spring Meet will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, on June 3, 4, and 5, 1966.

NOTE: The Waybills end at March 1966 and do not resume until 1970.

The CID Newsletter began in 1964/65. The CID Board was credited as EDITOR from the start until 1967. The “first” Editor was Frank Hughes who was Editor from 1967 to 1972. The FIRST copy I, John Coy, MMR 730, physically have is May of 1966.

NOTE:

That May of 1966 CID Newsletter had an article about patches. I, John Coy, MMR #730, accidentally discovered CID patches, one (oval) in November of 2024 and the other (square) in March of 2025. An article appeared about patches again in January of 1967 and then much later in the Rusty Spike in 1973. A Rusty Spike article in May of 1967 showed a drawing! It was the square patch. Unknown when the oval patch was created.



Square patch was 1st! (circa 1966)

CENTRAL INDIANA DIVISION NEWS

May 1966

Prepared by the Board of Directors of your Division to advise you of past happenings and future activities in Model Railroading

NEW CONSTITUTION OK

Members of the Central Indiana Division attending the Spring Meet in April 1966 unanimously voted in favor of approval of a new Constitution for the Division. The work of several members of the Board of Directors, the new constitution increases the size of the Board from 7 to 11 members. This increase will enable the officers of the Division to provide more and better activities for the membership. Three Directors have been elected for a 2 year term of office. Another revision provides for three Directors to be appointed by the Superintendent for a 1 year term of office. Officers' duties have been clarified and Divisional territory defined.

Any member of the Division who has not received a copy of the new constitution can acquire one by contacting the Division Chief Clerk, John R. Hagan.

HUGHES NEW SUPT.

An election of Officers was held at the Spring Meet at the Allisonville School in April. Francis T. (Frank) Hughes, who served the Division over the past 1½ years as Clinic Chairman was handed the throttle by Division members. Other officers and Board members elected include: George R. McMath, Jr., Asst. Supt.; John R. Hagan, Chief Clerk; Glenn G. Hall, Paymaster. Reiford W. Bunch, Ted. W. Davis and Dave E. Laux fill the 2 year Director posts. The entire Board has vowed to serve to the best of their ability to promote more and better model railroading within the Central Indiana Division.

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BE A DIVISIONAL SUPPORTER!

Attend the DIVISION MEETS - next one
NOVEMBER 19th!!

May 1967

CENTRAL INDIANA DIVISION NEWS

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1967-68 OFFICERS & BOD

Members of the Central Indiana Division at the Spring Meet held on Sunday April 16, 1967 re-elected the entire slate of officers for another year. The entire Board of Directors is listed below for your future reference:

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C.I.D. VETS ELECTED TO OFFICE

Past Supt. Ken. Curtiss, for many years active in the Midwest Region, was honored by the Region at the Spring Convention held in Janesville, Wisc., May 19th thru 21st, 1967, by being elected to the position of Regional Vice President.

Bill Herbig, another very active member of this Division and former Vice President of the Midwest Region was just elected to the position of Central Vice President of the NMRA.

Congratulations to both of these men for their achievements!!!

DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES!!!

1967 May

DIVISION PATCHES



The Central Indiana Division invested in Patches about a year ago - thinking that just about every member would certainly want to wear one of these distinguished marks of the Division. To have them made required a sizeable investment because a loom run consists of 330 patches. Well, in one year's time about 30 of them have been bought!

What's the matter fellows, surely you want to help advertise the greatest Division in the Midwest Region. How about wearing one of these patches on your hat, coat, or shirt?

What do they cost? Only 50¢ - that's a good buy at half the price. Won't you get one the next time you see John Hagan, Glenn Hall or Frank Hughes?

NOTE: This May 1966 newsletter also had an article about the old steam engine in Broad Ripple Park. Someone began a fund trying to raise money to put a roof over it as it was rapidly deteriorating as it had taken a beating from the weather.

In addition, several Members of the CID had earned certificates in the Achievement Program. All of these names were listed along the certificate that particular person had earned.

A MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS !

JANUARY

1968

During the last two years I have served you as Superintendent of the Central Ind. Division. Unknown to many, I have also served you as a member of the Board of Directors of the Midwest Region, since all Division Supts. are automatically members of the Midwest Region BOD. I have served you in still another capacity - as the elected Division Supt. to the Executive Council of the Midwest Region.

Why all this blurb? Because there is a major issue within the Midwest Region that will require your vote. Since I have served you in several capacities, I felt it only proper that you hear all sides of the argument so that you can make a decision.

The Midwest Region Constitution has been about as obsolete as the "General" would be on a modern railroad. This was long since recognized and for over two years there has been considerable work involved in trying to perfect the constitution that conforms with the past, is practical for today and will be appropriate in the future.

The BOD has submitted a proposed constitution which is acceptable in every way but one. The major issue is a question of eligibility to hold office in the Midwest Region.

When the Region was originally formed it was practical to elect Directors-at-Large from throughout the Region to transact the Regional business. At present there are 7 Directors-at-Large, serving 2 year terms of office. Four of these Directors are elected one year and the following year three Directors are elected. Your officers, i.e., the President and Vice President are elected from among the Directors-at-Large. Now however, the Region has grown to the degree of having 10 Divisions and each Division Supt. is also on the Regional Board of Directors. This means that, at present, we have 17 members on the BOD.

However, the present Constitution requires that the President and Vice-Pres. shall be elected from among ONLY the Directors-at-Large. A further stipulation requires that to become eligible for the Presidency, one must have served on the BOD at least one year before becoming President.

This means that one year as few as three men are eligible to be become President and the following year as few as four men are eligible. All Divisional Supts are

excluded from the office of President.

The proposed Constitution would provide that each Division would have a representative on the BOD. This Divisional Director would be eligible to be elected to the offices of President and Vice President. This simply means that there would be many more qualified men to choose from rather than only three or four, depending upon the year.

You have no doubt read the Letters to the Editor in the latest Waybill. There is a small group of former Directors-at-Large, all of whom have held office, who are violently opposed to any change. The major compliant is that a Divisional Director is not elected by the members at large but by only a small group, namely the Division members!! There are several other minor comments that are meaningless.

The important issue is whether the Midwest Region BOD will have the opportunity to choose a President and Vice-President from among a select few or from among a group, including Divisional Directors who could be just as qualified, if not more, than the Directors-at-Large.

The purpose of this article is not to tell you how to vote - it is to ask you to vote. Discuss this matter with other NMRA members, give it thought and when the time comes to vote, cast your ballot as you see fit.

F.T. Hughes

C.I.D. B.O.D. REPLY

The Board of Directors of the Central Indiana Division at the Nov. meeting voted to take a stand on the above item. It was the unanimous decision of the BOD that the Divisional Directors should have the right to serve as President of the Midwest Region, if they have the qualifications required to fill the office.

The BOD of your Division therefore suggest that you vote in favor of the new Constitution granting this right to Divisional Directors.

RUSTY SPIKE

1968 January

Ted Davis, a member of your (CID) BOD has been appointed as the Achievement Program Chairman for the entire Midwest Region. Ted would like to see more participation from CID Members.

The Purdue Railroad Club hosted the CID 1967 Fall Meet on November 5. 300 people were in attendance.

Unfortunately, the TOYS FOR TOTS SHOW was cancelled at the end of last year due to the pressures of a pending merger between the PRR and NYC railroads. The CID hopes this event will be continued in the future.

1968 December



DECEMBER RUSTY SPIKE
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CONSTITUTION CHANGE OK'D AT MEET

As you can see from the above list the number of members on the Board of Directors has been increased by 3 more Elected Directors. The members of the Division who attended the Spring Meet voted unanimously to enlarge the BOD so that the work load could be more evenly divided. Elected Directors serve for a period of 2 years. Three Directors are elected in even years and 3 in odd years so that there will always be continuity on the Board. The Supt. also appoints 3 Directors to serve 1 year. Your BOD now consists of 14 men, all dedicated to help you enjoy model railroading!

The 1969 June Rusty Spike reported that the CID's own Frank Hughes had been elected PRESIDENT of the entire Midwest Region!

1969 June

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1969 November

THE CID'S FIRST AND SECOND MMRs

MMR_0028 Lawrence E. Black Jr.

No. 28—November 1, 1969 To:
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The full name is L. E. Black, Jr., but the CORRECT name is Ed. His parents inflicted him upon mankind in June of 1929, a fact that made the stock market crash seem anti-climactic, at least in Frank's neighborhood.

As a boy his interests were democratically divided twixt Dorfan, Lionel and American Flyer. Had he but kept these he might today be in TCA.

As a youth his real interest was in model airplanes, a phase of his life which we'll quietly skip over. College,

service and marriage drew him away from the hobby, 'til he spied MR's 25th Anniversary Issue.

The bug really bit and ever since Ed has been hard at it. His HO Central Indiana RR and subsidiary HOn3 Gnawbone & Beanblossom RR are his second layout. Started in 1961 they feature hand laid trackwork, scratchbuilt structures and rolling stock in a 1915 Mid-western setting.

Trackwork is half completed with scenery on $\frac{1}{3}$ the overall track plan. Benchwork is in sections so that the layout can be changed without having to start all over again. The rather tenuous financial support for this engineering masterpiece is supplied by working as a branch manager for an insurance inspection firm.

Ed's wife, Jeannie, originally supported the hobby since it kept his hands out of the pretzel and potato chip bag, but as you can see from the photo, that has been a losing battle. Her attitude has since degenerated into unenthusiastic tolerance. This is unfortunate because she thoroughly enjoys the people in the hobby, if not the hobby itself.

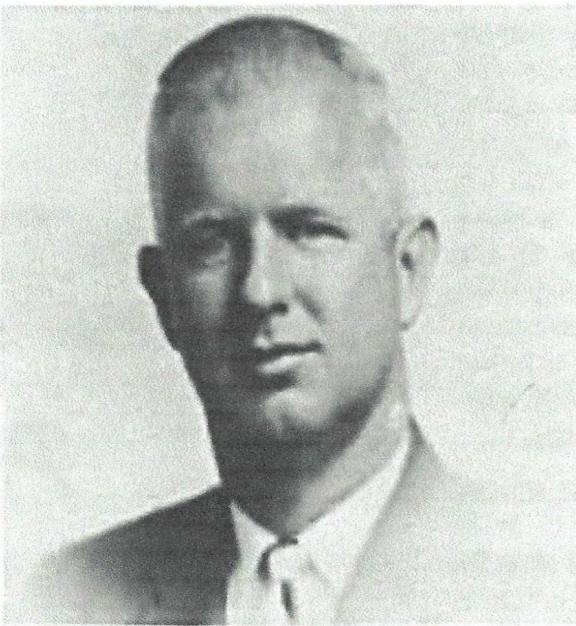
NOTE: Ed Black, MMR #28 moved to Detroit, Michigan, shortly after earning his MMR. He passed away in 2023 at 94 years old.

1969 November

THE CID'S FIRST AND SECOND MMRs

MMR_0029 Francis T. Hughes

No. 29—November 6, 1969 To:
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FRANK HUGHES, MMR

Frank Hughes, MMR, is serving second term as Central V.P. Served as Asst. Superintendent Central Indiana Division 1964-66, Superintendent CID 1966, Division Representative Exec. Council MWR 1966-68, Spring Convention Chairman MWR 1966, Director, Vice President and President MWR 1969-70, CID "Rusty Spike" Editor 1967-71.

Frank Hughes should be well known in the hobby for his many accomplishments, "Best of Show" Awards, years of service and driving force behind NMRA's much needed re-organization for which he serves as Chairman of the

special advisory committee to our President.

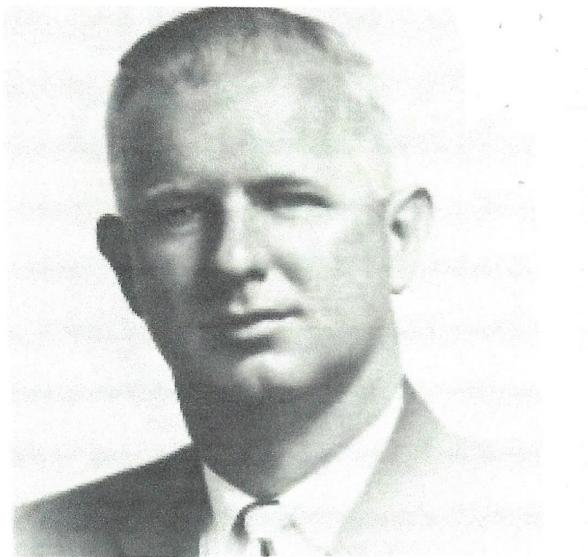
The interesting part of the story of Frank Hughes lies beneath all of his accomplishments wherein he comes through loud and clear as a man dedicated to the service of his fellow man within the hobby. His only desire for personal gain seems to be in friendships and enjoyment of the hobby. His boyhood ambition, like that of many of us, was to be a railroad engineer and like many of his era—became proficient in the art of "liberating" coal from passing trains to help keep the home fires burning. His modeling interests passed through a period of model airplanes and into a humble beginning in model railroading—one car kit and section of rail at a time, using the "Armstrong" system of motive power. He remembers well his first model—a paper-sided Megow gondola—and his mother's help in saving coffee grounds to be dyed and used for ballast. From this, Frank is now settled in his new home with "self designed" basement which houses a 9'x19' pike sporting 150' of hand-lain rail and hand-made turnouts. Reports have it that the scenery is about 1/3 completed. Meanwhile, Frank modestly refers to his "small pike" and gives his all for the betterment of the hobby.

Through his efforts, NMRA should fare well in the better organization department since Frank is more interested in the "game" than the "name" of his position.

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THE CID'S FIRST AND SECOND MMRs



in many capacities before being elected to the Presidency.

Frank's 9½ by 19' HO model railroad, The Mehoopany, Tunkhannock & Shickshinny RR is still under construction. A branch line operation with passing sidings it is designed for four man operation and features 48 scratch built turnouts, over 40 sq. ft. of scenery with rolling hills, fertile valleys and thousands of trees.

An Indianapolis insurance executive Frank is 44 years old, married with five future railroaders in the fold.

This is the end of the 1960s. The CID had grown from a Charter on July 14 of 1963 to a full-blown VERY ACTIVE Division with two Master Model Railroaders! Both were Region Vice-Presidents—one became President. In addition, Bill Herbig, our FIRST CID Secretary, was a Regional Vice-President as well.

The 1969 June Rusty Spike reported that Frank Hughes had been elected PRESIDENT of the entire Midwest Region!

3 VPs and 1 Regional President in about 6 years!